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SUBJECT: LOS: INVITATION TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

REF: A. CARACAS 6420; B. CARACAS 6445

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1. LOS CONFERENCE IN PLENARY ADOPTED DEFINITION OF "STATES
PARTICIPATING" AS PART OF RULE 40 WITH FOLLOWING TEXT:

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THE TERM "STATES PARTICIPATING" IN RELATION TO ANY PARTICULAR SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE MEANS ANY STATE WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE AS PARTICIPATING IN THE SESSION AND WHICH HAS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED THE SECRETARIAT OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THAT SESSION OR A PART OF IT. THE SECRETARIAT SHALL KEEP A REGISTER FOR THIS PURPOSE. END TEXT.

2. CONFERENCE THEN CONSIDERED INVITATION TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE APPEALED TO CONFERENCE TO ADOPT THIS AMENDMENT BY CONSENSUS. HE STATED HE HAD RECEIVED SOLEMN ASSURANCES THAT PRESENCE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD NOT BE USED TO DISTRACT CONFERENCE FROM ITS TASKS AND THAT INVITATIONS WERE BEING EXTENDED ON GROUNDS OF HUMANITY. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE UNANIMITY ON SUBJECT BUT HOPED AMENDMENT COULD BE ADOPTED WITHOUT STRONG OBJECTIONS. HE STATED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE REGIONS COVERED BY THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE INCLUDED AND THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RECOGNIZE MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THEIR AREAS. SUBSEQUENTLY, PARAGUAY PROPOSED THAT TEXT BE AMENDED TO LIMIT INVITATIONS TO THOSE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF THE OAU AND LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES.

4. ISRAELI REP EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO INVITATION TO PLO STATING PLO IS NOT A LIBERATION MOVEMENT AS ARE OTHERS, AND THAT ITS OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM THE PLO. HE STATED PLO IS CARRYING OUT ITS "CRIMINAL, ABSURD AND SENSELESS OBJECTIVES" THROUGH CRIMINAL MEANS OF TERRORISM, SABOTAGE AND MASSACRES. HE SAID ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PRACTICE ASSASSINATION AND SABOTAGE HAVE NO PLACE AT LOS CONFERENCE. ISRAELI REP SAID ISRAEL ASPIRES TO PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE, RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY PRESIDENT NOXON'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST AND HE ASKED HOW, UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, LOS CONFERENCE COULD INVITE PLO. PEACE IN MIDDLE

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EAST, HE SAID, WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE BUT ONLY BY NEGOTIATING WITH ISRAEL. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT HIS STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO INVITE PLO BE PUT INTO RECORD. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT REFERRED TO ANY ARAB STATE BY NAME, AND REFERRING TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE PLO HE SAID HE HOPED HIS DELEGATION'S RESERVATIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD BY EVERYONE. ISRAELI STATEMENT WAS INTERRUPTED ON THREE OCCASIONS BY POINT OF ORDER BY YEMEN, EGYPT AND MOROCCO,

ALL COUCHED IN LOW-KEY TERMS.

5. SENEGAL REP READ FOR RECORD NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN INCLUDED UNDER FORMULA:
THOSE RECOGNIZED BY OAU - FRELIMO (MOZAMBIQUE), MPLA (ANGOLA), FLNA (ANGOLA, SWAPO (SOUTH WEST AFRICA), AZPU (RHODESIA), ZANU (RHODESIA), FLCS, PAC, ANC (SOUTH AFRICA), NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF COMORO ISLANDS, UNIFIED PARTY OF SEYCHELLES, AND PLO. LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES RECOGNIZES ONLY PLO.

6, CONFERENCE ADOPTED FOLLOWING TEXT (WHICH CONTAINS PARAGUAY AMENDMENT) WITHOUT VOTE:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OR BY THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS MAY DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS, WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, THE MAIN COMMITTEES AND, AS APPROPRIATE, THE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS.

2. WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF SUCH OBSERVERS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO THE DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE.
END TEXT.

7. US REP (AMB. STEVENSON) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF ABOVE TEXT:

"IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE SEARCH FOR PERMANENT AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WANTS TO DISAS-
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SOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE DECISION TO ISSUE THIS INVITATION. OUR DELEGATION ALSO WISHES TO RECORD ITS REGRET THAT THIS POLITICAL ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED IN THIS CONFERENCE."

8. SOUTH AFRICAN DEL STATED HE DID NOT AGREE TO CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF INVITATION. FRENCH DEL STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF ISSUE HAD BEEN PUT TO A VOTE. HE ADDED THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOMALIA, COMOROS AND DJIBOUTI CANNOT PRETEND TO REPRESENT PEOPLE OF COMORO ISLANDS AND AFARS AND ISSAS. EGYPT MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT VOTE WAS CLEAR ANSWER TO ABUSIVE LANGUAGE USED IN DEBATE. PORTUGAL STATED THAT HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE IT WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED. CUBAN REP ATTEMPTED TO ARGUE THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED BUT WAS RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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9. JUST PRIOR TO VOTE ISRAELI

DELOF INFORMED US DELOF THAT ISRAEL HAD DECIDED NOT TO
INSIST ON A VOTE ON THE INVITATION AS THEY WERE SATISFIED
WITH LARGE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS ON THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE
ON JULY 11. END CONFIDENTIAL.
STEVENSON

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